(b) and (c) The Scheme of Bharat Nirman has been announced with the purpose to focus the attention on development the rural infrastructure with six components of Irrigation, Rural Drinking Water, Rural Roads, Rural Housing, Rural Electrification and Rural Telephone Connectivity. The Government have recently announced the Scheme for Support to Public Private Partnership (PPP) in infrastructure wherein viability support would be provided to infrastructure projects taken up under the scheme. In addition, a scheme to provide long term debt to infrastructure projects through India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL) has also been announced. Although the scheme/company is not dedicated to rural infrastructure but its activities can cover rural areas as well.

**Suggestions of NAC for giving new form to RES**

†1631. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering the suggestion made by the National Advisory Council for bringing expediency in giving new form to Rural Employment Scheme and co-operative machinery for their active operation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 has been notified on 7.9.2005. Under the Act, Rural Employment Guarantee Schemes are to be formulated by the State Governments. The State Governments have been instructed to formulate Rural Employment Guarantee Schemes under the Act. Suggestions have been made by the National Advisory Council for the effective implementation of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005.

**Wage fixed for NREGS**

†1632. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.